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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of: Ramji Srinivasan, et al.

Atty. Docket No.: 5242.00120

Confirmation No. 7275

Application No.: 10/661,768

Group Art Unit: 1731

Filed: September 15, 2003

Examiner: Tatyana Zalukaeva

For: FORMALDEHYDE FREE INSULATION BINDER

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responding to the restriction requirement required under 35 USC 121 entered in the Office Action of April 25, 2005 applicants elect, without traverse, the Invention of Group II, claims 13-19 directed to an aqueous binder.

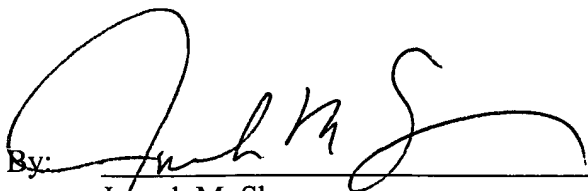
While it is not clear from the Office Action whether an election of species is required if a Group other than Group I was elected. Out of an abundance of caution, applicants identify the polymer made using maleic anhydride and hydroxyethyl acrylate described in Example 1.

It is believed that no fee is required for this submission. If any fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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